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Chait et al.	)	Art Unit: 1637
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Application No. 09/929,266	)	Examiner: Kenneth R. Horlick
Filing Date: August 13, 2001	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 9613
U.S. Patent No. 6,824,981	)	
Issue Date: November 30, 2004	)	
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For: ULTRA-SENSITIVE DETECTION	)	
SYSTEMS USING ALTERABLE	)	
PEPTIDE TAGS	)	

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of Correction*

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 255 AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.323**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 255 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.323, it is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued to correct the above-identified patent. Two (2) copies of the Certificate of Correction are appended. The complete Certificate of Correction involves one (1) page.

It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below.

On page 112, line 3, of the application, and column 75, line 26, of the patent, the word "asparagine" should be replaced with --aspartic acid--.

On page 114, line 11, of the application, and column 76, line 55, of the patent, the word "asparagine" should be replaced with --aspartic acid--.

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On page 116, line 18, of the application, and column 78, line 15, of the patent, the word "asparagine" should be replaced with --aspartic acid--.

On page 118, line 21, of the application, and column 79, line 39, of the patent, the word "asparagine" should be replaced with --aspartic acid--.

On page 179, line 25, of the application, and column 119, line 51, of the patent, the word "asparagine" should be replaced with --aspartic acid--.

On page 191, line 13, of the application, and column 127, line 24, of the patent, the word "asparagine" should be replaced with --aspartic acid--.

On page 195, line 8, of the application, and column 129, line 48, of the patent, the word "asparagine" should be replaced with --aspartic acid--.

On column 187, line 34, of the patent, the word "asparagineproline" should be replaced with --aspartic acid-proline--.

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On column 212, line 54, of the patent, the word "asparagineproline" should be replaced with --aspartic acid-proline--.

#### REMARKS

Through inadvertent error, Applicants referred to the amino acid "asparagine" instead of the correct amino acid "aspartic acid" when referring to fragmentation at aspartic acid-proline bonds. Both the application as filed and the issued patent describe fragmentation of reporter signal peptides at aspartic acid (Asp; D) proline (Pro; P) bonds (Asp-Pro bonds; DP bonds). See, for example, page 39, lines 6-20 (especially lines 10, 13 and 17), page 149, lines 9-23 (especially lines 13, 16 and 20), page 212, lines 17-19, page 220, lines 1-2, page 225, lines 17-20, and page 248, lines 30-32 of the application and from column 26, line 48, to column 27, line 2, from column 99, line 62, to column 100, line 16, column 140, lines 19-23, column 145, lines 13-15, column 149, lines 19-23, and column 164, lines 62-65, of the patent. The requested changes are required as a result of errors upon the part of the Applicants. These errors were inadvertent, made in good faith, and do not involve changes in the patent so as to constitute new matter or to

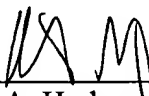
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require reexamination. Applicants believe that the error is of a clerical or typographical nature. Applicants therefore respectfully request issuance of a Certificate of Correction.

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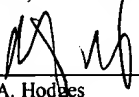
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
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
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